IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: NON-TOXIC CROSSLINKING REAGENTS TO RESIST CURVE PROGRESSION IN SCOLIOSIS AND INCREASE DISC PERMEABILITY

Examiner: Not Assigned

Art Unit: Not Assigned

TRANSMITTAL-CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 10/230,671, filed August 29, 2002, of Thomas P. Hedman, for NON-TOXIC CROSSLINKING REAGENTS TO RESIST CURVE PROGRESSION IN SCOLIOSIS AND INCREASE DISC PERMEABILITY.

1.	\boxtimes	Enclosed is a copy of the application.
2.		Enclosed is a declaration and power of attorney.
3.	\boxtimes	A declaration and power of attorney will follow.
4.		Enclosed is an associate power of attorney.
5.		Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
		This application is a continuation-in-part application of application Serial No, filed, which application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

6. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

	CALCULATION OF FEES								
	ITEM	TOTAL NO. OF CLAIMS		NO. OF CLAIMS OVER BASE	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		\$ AMOUNT	\$ FEE	
Α	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	44	-20	24	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$9	216		
В	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	16	-3	13	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$43	559		
С	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)						\$	775	
D	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145					\$	145		
E	BASIC FEE LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$770 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$385							\$	385
F	TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)					\$	1305		
	*LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1, 2, 10, 11, 17-24, 27-30								

	\boxtimes	A check in the amount of \$ 1,305 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.			
	\boxtimes	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.			
7.	\boxtimes	sheet(s) of drawings is/are enclosed.			
8.	\boxtimes	The present application claims priority from <u>U.S.</u> Provisional Patent Application No. <u>60/316,287</u> , filed <u>August 31, 2001</u> and U.S. Patent Application No. <u>10/230,671</u> , filed <u>August 29, 2002</u> under 35 U.S.C. § 119.			
9.		The certified copy of the priority document(s) has/have been filed in prior application Serial No filed			
10.		The certified copy of the priority document(s) will follow.			
11.		An assignment to is enclosed herewith, along with the recordation form cover letter and check in the amount of \$40.			
12.		A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)			
13.	\boxtimes	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.			

14.	\Box	Information disclosure statement is enclosed with references.
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Dear Sir:		
I hereby certify that two copies of CIP letter of transmittal check in amount of \$_1,305_ as filing fee CIP patent application (_42_ page(s) of specification sheet(s) of formal drawings executed Declaration and Power of Attorney assignment of the invention to certified copy of patent application No who claimed in the subject case pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § Preliminary Amendment Information Disclosure Statement with references return postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "E service with sufficient postage under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date	ich was filed 119 es xoress Mail I	from which priority is
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